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The British Columbian.

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THE ROAD TOLLS.

The discussion and division which took place in the House on Monday evening, upon the subject of the abolition of the Road Tolls, were by no means the least important incidents of the Session; and if they tend to no other practical result they will at least show the people on the mainland that where they rely upon Victoria politicians to carry any important measure which does not happen to appeal directly to the self-interest of these politicians, they do but lean upon a broken reed which will pierce the hand. The gross desertion of the Victoria members upon the question of the abolition of the Road Tolls is a circumstance not soon to be forgotten—one which may well be engraven upon the adamantine rocks through which the great highway to the mines has been cut. The Junior Member for Victoria hoped by adroitly slipping in a hypocritical amendment, and charging certain members with having rendered the abolition of the Road Tolls impossible, by defeating his scheme of retrenchment, to enjoy the credit of being actuated by a sincere desire to abolish these tolls. But the flimsy veil was effectually removed by the members for Yale and New Westminster, leaving the Junior member for Victoria and his confederates exposed in all the deformity of their hypocritical pretentiousness. It was clearly shown, from facts and figures, carefully compiled from the records of the House, that had the three R's had it all their own way they would have taken Twenty-five thousand, seven hundred dollars off the Estimates, with one hand, and added Sixty-nine thousand four hundred and five dollars to them with the other, thus actually adding Forty-three thousand seven hundred and five dollars to the people's burden regarding which they have made such hollow pretensions about lightening! These are simple, incontrovertible facts, which the Records of the House will prove, and which it is only fair should go forth to the public in order to unmask a party in the Legislature, which has been laboring to bring the Government to a dead-lock, and all under the profession of reducing taxation, and battling for the rights and the liberties of the people. We repeat that the elective members for Victoria, and those who went with them on Monday night, voted, pure and simple, to have the Road Tolls remain untouched for another year! They have expressed their belief over and over again during the present session that the revenue of 1867 will fall far, very far short of the Estimates; and yet they leave it to the Executive to abolish the Road Tolls so soon as the finances of the Colony will permit; and they do this without any effort to make provision for enabling the Executive to meet the case! They may try by all the plausible clap-trap at their command, and they possess no small stock, to shift the responsibility of their vote on to other shoulders; but the trick is too transparent. The public are not so easily bamboozled.

ABOUT A PAIR OF BOOTS!

The ludicrous scene which took place in the Legislative Council, on Saturday, although of too trifling a character, considered in itself, to entitle it to notice at our hands, will serve as an illustration of the petty expedients to which certain Victoria Members condescend to resort in order to harass the Government and bias the public mind against the manner in which the affairs of the Colony are being administered. The Magisterial member for Cariboo had a pair of boots sent up to him from Victoria; and in the absence of the proper evidence to satisfy the Customs authorities that they were not justly liable to pay duty here, duty was charged.

The owner of said boots did not think it worth his while to make the necessary application at the Custom House to get back his money. The circumstance incidentally came to the knowledge of the senior member for Victoria; and although asked by the gentleman most interested to take no notice of the affair, he made it the subject of a charge in the House against the Government! It is the undoubted province of any member of the House to call attention to any injustice or grievance; but it is scarcely correct to do so until the legitimate means of redress have been exhausted. Had the gentleman whom alone it concerned failed to recover the custody of the \$1 50 by the usual and simple course of applying to the Customs authorities it would doubtless have been competent for him, or any member acting in his behalf, to call the attention of the House to the matter; but inasmuch as he did not think it worth his while even to ask for the return of his money, much less to have it brought up in the House, the conduct of the grievance-monger who made it the subject of inquiry there cannot very easily be reconciled with that dignity which becomes a Legislative body. We regret to have to say that this little incident may, with perfect fairness to the parties, be taken as a sample of the patty and unprincipled opposition the Government has received at the hands of certain members during the present session.

EDUCATION.

To the Editor of the British Columbian.

SIR,—It is not easy to determine just what our Governor aimed at accomplishing by his late message on the above named subject; but that it was carefully considered and written for an object I have no doubt. Governor Seymour is not the man to write on an important subject like that of Education, at this critical era in the history of this Colony, simply to amuse himself and provoke angry criticism, without intending to accomplish something. It may be that he saw there was a great deal of mist and fog hanging over this subject, and while there was everywhere a great propensity to talk and write, there was a real stupor and unwillingness to act and pay; and that he wished to stir up a full discussion of the whole subject to find out what a majority of the people really want in this matter, and what share of the burden they are willing to bear; and at the same time draw public attention, for a time, from matters of less importance. I so, the message may not be in vain. True, his Excellency has received hard blows from the Victoria press; but he will not fail to notice that in all the blistering abusive leaders that his message has produced there appears no proof that the Colony of Honduras had a bad system of education at the time Governor Seymour left it; or that Vancouver really had a good one at the time he came to it. There has been some timid appeal to the United States and the Eastern Provinces, but with evident fear lest some one would inquire into the matter and discover that the Vancouver system was little precedent or support in that direction. What, I ask, would be thought of the Toronto Globe if it were to come out and advocate that the Common Schools of Upper Canada should be managed by a Central Board resident in Toronto, and that the school houses should be built and furnished, and the teachers appointed by the Governor, and paid in full out of the Colonial Chest? It would be laughed to scorn. It is true our circumstances are in some respects different, but I see no good reason why each City, town or school district, might not be permitted to elect its own Trustees, and that these Trustees should be allowed to hire their teacher and manage their school, and that they have the privilege of raising part of the funds required for its support and proper powers and instructions to do this in a way to place the heaviest burden on those best able to bear it. There perhaps should be a very small tuition fee, but the money for the most part should be raised by a rate on all the property of the school section. What proportion should be granted by the Central Government in a colony like this I will not say—perhaps for the present about two-thirds. There should be a colonial Board appointed by the Governor, but the members should not live all in one town, nor always meet in the same place, and their chief work should be to define the boundaries of school districts, examine teachers, grant certificates, &c., but not hire teachers nor manage individual schools. As to giving colonial aid to sectarian schools this is simply ridiculous, and I can hardly think that the Governor really wishes to do anything of the kind.

NAVAL—The Malacca will leave for Esquimalt tomorrow, and will be replaced by the Sheerwater.

PROROGATION.—It is generally understood that the Legislative Council will be prorogued about the end of next week.

OUT OF WINTER QUARTERS.—Capt. Irving brought his steamers Onward and Reliance out of winter quarters on Monday.

THE MAIL STEAMER.—The Active sailed on Friday; and as we understand she is coming here this trip she will be due tomorrow.

New Advertisements.

ALMANACS & DIARIES.

1867.

Dietrichson & Hannay's R1 Almanac, Illustrated London News "Zadkiel's Astrological " Nautical Almanac.

Bancroft's California Diaries. Lett's English Diaries.

NEW BOOKS.

London Society Magazine bound in half-yearly parts. Vols. G, 7 & 8, at \$3 50 ea. Good Words Magazine, yearly vol. bound at \$3 50.

Lecture Hour Magazine, 1865, bound, at \$3 50.

Churchman's Family Magazine, bound, vols. 1 & 2, at \$2 50.

Routledge's Every Boy's Annual for 1866, at \$2 50.

Across the Continent with Colfax, by Bowles, at \$2 50.

Gentle Life, 1st and 2d series, at \$2 50.

About in the World, at \$2 50.

The Dramatic Works of Shakespeare, for Family Reading, morocco, \$6, cloth, \$3 50.

G. C. CLARKSON & CO.'S.

AUCTION SALE.

ESTATE OF GOULDING & CO. (IN BANKRUPTCY.)

Monday, March 25, 1867.

I WILL offer for sale by PUBLIC AUCTION at my Office on Columbia Street,

AT TWELVE O'CLOCK, (NOON), the following property—

THE STEAMERS

"PRINCE OF WALES" AND

"MARZELLE,"

ONE SCOW, ONE BARGE, AND

THE SLOOP HOPE,

With their Anchors, Chains, and Tackle, as they now lie at 29 Mile House, Douglas Portage.

THE STOREHOUSES

AND DOCKS

AT THE

29 MILE HOUSE,

DOUGLAS PORTAGE.

THE STOREHOUSES

AND DOCKS

ON THE

LITTLE PORTAGE,

BETWEEN

TENASS AND LILLOOET LAKES.

HENRY V. EDMONDS, Auctioneer.

By Order of Court, OLIVER HARE, Official Assignee.

For further particulars apply to GEO. DIETZ, Trade Assignee.

New Advertisements.

AUCTION SALE.

IN RE EVANS BROS., & Co. (IN BANKRUPTCY.)

WILL be sold by Public Auction, at my office, New Westminster, on this day the 9th inst., at noon, the following property—

6 Team Horses at Harrison River, 1 Wagon with headbars, chains &c. at Yale,

1 Six horse seat team harness. By order, WM. CLARKSON, E. C. POOLEY, Official Assignee, F. J. BARNARD, Trade Assignee, ma9 1t

NOTICE

IS hereby given that Abraham Barlow, of the Town of Yale, British Columbia, hath by Indenture bearing date the 18th day of February, A. D. 1867, made between the said Abraham Barlow of the first part, Joseph William McKay, of the same place, of the second part, and the several other persons, whose names and seals are thereto subscribed and set, being respectively Creditors of the said Abraham Barlow, of the third part, conveyed and assigned as therein mentioned all his Estate and effects for the benefit of all the Creditors of him, the said Abraham Barlow, who should execute the said Indenture within ninety days from the date thereof. And such deed was duly executed by the said Abraham Barlow and Joseph William McKay on the 18th February last, and such Executions were attested by H. B. W. Aikman, of Columbia Street, New Westminster, Solicitor.

DRAKE JACKSON & AIKMAN, ma9 3m Solicitors for the Assignees.

A RARE CHANCE.

CHERRY GROVE FARM,

(CONTAINING 320 acres)

FOR SALE,

SITUATED ON THE

Twins Falls Creek,

OPPOSITE DERBY.

IT is lightly wooded with Cherry, Hazel, Alder, &c., is as good soil for the production of Grain, Grass, Fruit, &c., as can perhaps be found in this or any other country. About 12 acres under cultivation. It has a prospective view of miles on the Fraser River and the mountains circling round about in every direction. Its scenery is a combination of the truly beautiful and sublime. The Creek which runs through the Farm has two invaluable appliances to a physiologist, its water being both pure and soft. It has an excellent water-power, just above which are situated two lofty craters bounding over a solid rock which is said to be well adapted for

GRINDSTONE PURPOSES, &c., Coal may also be seen in numerous places. An occasional Spot of Grease or Oil seen to float down the Creek is probably indicative of

OIL SPRINGS

in the neighborhood.

TERMS VERY LIBERAL.

ma9 1m J. O. B. THORNE.

GREAT SALE

OF

DRY GOODS.

THE undersigned being about to retire from business, will commence selling off his well-assorted stock of

CLOTHING

BOOTS, SHOES, &c. &c.

AT

GOST PRICE,

ON AND AFTER

FRIDAY NEXT, FIRST MARCH.

Orders sent from the upper country will have the strictest attention.

ARTHUR BULLOCK, New Westminster, March 1st, 1867. ma2 1m

ST. GEORGE HOTEL,

VICTORIA, V. I., B. C.,

PROPRIETOR,

E. C. HOLDEN.

This spacious fire-proof Family Hotel has Single Rooms and Suites of Rooms for Families, furnished with every desirable requisite for comfort and accommodation.

The Bar and Dining-Room are conducted in first-class style.

TERMS MODERATE.

fed to

E. C. GILLETTE, C. E., Mining Engineer & Surveyor,

WILLIAMS CREEK

New Advertisements.

CLINTON HOTEL.

THE travelling public and the public generally are respectfully informed that the subscribers have purchased the CLINTON HOTEL property, where they intend carrying on the hotel business. In order to merit a share of public patronage

will be found supplied with all

THE TABLE

THE DELICACIES

OF THE SEASON.

THE BEAN

with the best

WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS.

They would also inform the public that they have opened a

STORE AT CLINTON

where they will sell

GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, &c., &c.,

at the cheapest possible rates

FOR CASH.

ma9 3m SAUL & CO.

1867, 1867.

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IN THE

COLONY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

AT

J. S. CLUTE'S,

OPPOSITE THE COLONIAL HOTEL, COLUMBIA STREET

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

Economy! Economy!!!

being the watchword of the times,

"ARGUS" and RETRENCHMENT

the order of the day; the Subscriber, in order to meet the circumstances of his numerous Customers and the Public generally, in the present depressed state (for the time being) of the Colonial Exchequer, has made a most

ENORMOUS AND

STARTLING

REDUCTION

in the prices of all goods in his line.

An early call is solicited, as inspection, he feels sure, will satisfy the most incredulous that this is no catch-penny game.

J. S. CLUTE, New Westminster, March 2d, 1867. 1c

GREAT REDUCTION.

THE SUBSCRIBER, having provided himself with Gordon's Patent Press, is now prepared to do every description of

PLAIN AND FANCY JOB WORK

AT

PRICES WITHIN THE

UNEQUALLED

on the Pacific Coast.

Billheads, from \$1 to \$2 per 1000, Circulars, from \$2 to \$4 per 100, Every additional 100, \$1 per 100, Business Cards, from \$1 to \$2 per 1000, Envelopes, from \$2 to \$3 per 1000, Labels, from \$1 to \$2 per 1000, Plaques, from \$2 to \$3 per 100. All other kinds of jobbing according to agreement, and at proportionate low prices.

ALSO A

REDUCTION

IN THE RATE

FOR ADVERTISING.

JOHN ROBSON, New Westminster, March 1st, 1867.

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